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Grant funding helps libraries improve services to their communities

MADISON—Nearly \$3 million in federal library funding will help Wisconsin libraries demonstrate innovative uses for technology, create digital copies of historical resources for statewide use, and improve literacy and reading skills in their communities.

“Libraries are a valuable resource for lifelong learning and economic development,” said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster in announcing the 76 projects funded through 2008 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants. “Wisconsin libraries are to be commended for writing grant proposals that promote library access, build literacy skills, and improve the quality of life in their local communities.”

Grants totaling \$56,335 will help a number of libraries offer wi-fi service to the public. Through grants and local efforts about two-thirds of Wisconsin public libraries will be offering wireless Internet access by the end of 2008. Six public libraries received grants for digitization of library materials of unique or special interest, such as local history, old maps, and old photographs. These digitized materials will be available on-line through the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries State of Wisconsin Collection at <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/WI/>.

A number of this year’s grant projects will help public libraries better serve senior citizens with disabilities that make it difficult for them to visit the library. These projects include home delivery services as well as improved library services to caregivers. Other grant projects target younger library users, including several that will help public libraries better meet the literacy needs of teens.

“These federal grants support our efforts to provide library services that improve educational, economic, and quality of life resources for all Wisconsin residents,” Burmaster said. “Libraries help us ensure that all the people of Wisconsin have the broadest possible access to the informational resources and materials they need for lifelong learning.”

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The Department of Public Instruction Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning administers Wisconsin's yearly LSTA allocation from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency responsible for strengthening museums and libraries. The Wisconsin 2007 LSTA Advisory Committee reviewed all grant applications and made recommendations on grant awards for projects to take place from January through December 2008.

Members serving on the LSTA committee in 2007 were:

- Jan Adams, Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10, Chippewa Falls;
- Roxanne Bartelt, Kenosha Public Library;
- Terrance Burton, Ebling Health Science Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison;
- Phyllis Davis, South Central Library System, Madison;
- Terry Dawson, Appleton Public Library;
- Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Oshkosh Public Library;
- Jim Gingery, Milwaukee Federated Library System;
- Paula Kiely, Milwaukee Public Library;
- Bea Lebal, T.B. Scott Free Library, Merrill;
- Mildred McDowell, Milwaukee Public Schools;
- Paul Onufrak, Eastern Shores Library System;
- Jane Pearlmuter, University of Wisconsin-Madison;
- Elizabeth Richmond, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; and
- Zora Sampson, University of Wisconsin Barron County.

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NOTES: The list of Library Services and Technology Act grant awards for 2008 follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_45.pdf.

Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning
Library Services and Technology Act
Wisconsin Grant Awards — 2008

Arrowhead Library System (Headquarters: Janesville)		Total Awarded: \$25,655
Arrowhead Library System	ALS Technology Consulting and Troubleshooting	\$10,800
Janesville, Hedberg Public Library	Enhancing Access to Employment	\$4,395
Janesville, Hedberg Public Library	Enhancing Services to Seniors	\$5,340
Janesville, Hedberg Public Library	Janesville's Past, Part II: City/County Directories 1857-1923	\$5,120

Eastern Shores Library System (Headquarters: Sheboygan)		Total Awarded: \$50,786
Eastern Shores Library System	Fighting Hate with Literacy: A Book Discussion Group Project	\$19,658
Eastern Shores Library System	Using Wireless Access for Bookmobile Library Service	\$5,950
Eastern Shores Library System	Wide Area Network Access 2008	\$12,700
Eastern Shores Library System	Wireless Access for ESLs Libraries	\$3,500
Grafton, U.S.S. Liberty		
Memorial Public Library	Homebound Delivery Service	\$3,000
Sheboygan, Mead Public Library	Sheboygan County Historical Documents	\$5,978

Indianhead Federated Library System (Headquarters: Eau Claire)		Total Awarded: \$96,290
Indianhead Federated Library System	IFLS Technology Projects	\$39,100
Indianhead Federated Library System	Merging Systems in IFLS	\$35,000
Indianhead Federated Library System	Only Connect: Reaching Out to Youth at Risk	\$19,190
Indianhead Federated Library System	Training the Next Generation of Library Advocates	\$3,000

Kenosha County Library System (Headquarters: Kenosha)		Total Awarded: \$32,738
Kenosha Public Library	2008 KCLS Systemwide Resources and Services	\$9,900
Kenosha Public Library	Kenosha County History: Images and Texts, 1830s-1940s	\$5,745
Kenosha Public Library	Public Library Resources for Autistic Children and Their Families	\$14,093
Kenosha Public Library	Talking Teen—How to Facilitate Positive Interactions with Teens	\$3,000

Lakeshores Library System (Headquarters: Waterford)		Total Awarded: \$79,418
Burlington Public Library	Home Delivery to Burlington Area Patrons	\$10,418
Lakeshores Library System	2008 Lakeshores Wireless Internet Access	\$5,500
Lakeshores Library System	Lakeshores 2008 Technology Projects	\$16,500
Lakeshores Library System	Library and Literacy Outreach to Spanish Speakers	\$41,000
Waterford Public Library	Waterford Area Local History	\$6,000

Manitowoc-Calumet Library System (Headquarters: Manitowoc)		Total Awarded: \$29,500
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	Battle of the Boxes—Competition on the Coast (BoBCo)	\$20,000
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System	T1 Lines and Data Lines Support	\$9,500

Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System (Headquarters: Horicon)		Total Awarded: \$30,900
Mid-Wisconsin Fed. Library System	MWFLS Technology Projects, 2008	\$19,900
Mid-Wisconsin Fed. Library System	MWFLS Wireless Project, 2008	\$11,000

Milwaukee County Federated Library System (Headquarters: Milwaukee)		Total Awarded: \$90,800
Milwaukee Co. Fed. Library System	System Technology Projects—2008	\$42,800
Milwaukee Public Library	Raising Readers Family Literacy Program	\$48,000

Nicolet Federated Library System (Headquarters: Green Bay)		Total Awarded: \$54,136
Nicolet Federated Library System	NFLS 2008 Wireless Internet Access Project	\$8,500
Nicolet Federated Library System	NFLS Innovative Technology Project—Game Systems on the Move	\$7,295
Nicolet Federated Library System	NFLS LSTA 2008—Digitization of Local Yearbooks Project	\$5,541
Nicolet Federated Library System	NFLS System Technology Project 2008—Database Support	\$32,800

Northern Waters Library Service (Headquarters: Ashland)		Total Awarded: \$44,000
Northern Waters Library Service	NWLS Delivery Service Project	\$15,000
Northern Waters Library Service	NWLS Technology Expansion Project	\$27,500
Spooner Memorial Library	From Functional to Phenomenal: Training for Seven Rural Libraries	\$1,500

Outagamie Waupaca Library System (Headquarters: Appleton)		Total Awarded: \$56,826
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Enhancing Library Services via Podcasts, Screencasts, and Vodcasts	\$9,327
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Libraries and Literacy Councils: Making a Difference Together	\$25,999
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Support for Online Databases	\$15,600
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Warren Graham Security Training	\$2,400
Outagamie Waupaca Library System	Wireless Connections for OWLS Libraries	\$3,500
South Central Library System (Headquarters: Madison)		Total Awarded: \$164,601
Dane County Library Service	Outreach to Parenting Resource Centers	\$10,201
South Central Library System	Building Blocks: Early Math Skills	\$38,700
South Central Library System	Delivery Services	\$60,000
South Central Library System	SCLS Technology Projects, 2008	\$48,300
South Central Library System	Security Training	\$2,400
South Central Library System	Wireless Internet for the Public	\$5,000
Southwest Wisconsin Library System (Headquarters: Fennimore)		Total Awarded: \$29,309
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	Gamers in the Library	\$1,149
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	SWLS Technology Projects	\$16,000
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	Tech Tuesdays in SW Wisconsin	\$660
Southwest Wisconsin Library System	Wireless Internet Access in Southwest Wisconsin	\$11,500
Waukesha County Federated Library System (Headquarters: Waukesha)		Total Awarded: \$33,360
Waukesha Co. Fed. Library System	Gaming and Bandwidth	\$19,800
Waukesha Co. Fed. Library System	Mental Health Issues in Library Services	\$13,560
Winding Rivers Library System (Headquarters: La Crosse)		Total Awarded: \$63,088
La Crosse Public Library	Maps and Atlases of La Crosse County and the Upper Mississippi River	\$5,506
Winding Rivers Library System	Serving Caregivers and Seniors with Special Needs	\$25,947
Winding Rivers Library System	WAN Development and Maintenance 2008	\$25,700
Winding Rivers Library System	Web 2.0 & Library 2.0 Workshop	\$2,600
Winding Rivers Library System	Wireless WRLS	\$3,335
Winnefox Library System (Headquarters: Oshkosh)		Total Awarded: \$37,913
Menasha, Elisha D. Smith Public Library	Podcasting Studios	\$3,799
Oshkosh Public Library	Changing the Service Paradigm at the Oshkosh Public Library	\$3,000
Oshkosh Public Library	Creating Family Space: A Family Resource Center at the Oshkosh Public Library	\$5,626
Oshkosh Public Library	Oshkosh Community Photo Album	\$3,688
Winnefox Library System	Winnefox Technology Project—2008	\$21,800
Wisconsin Valley Library Service (Headquarters: Wausau)		Total Awarded: \$57,600
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Federated Searches, Bandwidth, and Playaways	\$31,300
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Installing Wireless Capability	\$4,500
Wisconsin Valley Library Service	Project Inclusion: Serving Children with Disabilities and Their Families	\$21,800
State-Level / Statewide Projects		Total Awarded: \$2,015,080
Adolescent Library Initiative		\$20,000
Communication and Planning		\$25,000
Library Development		\$273,700
Library Development		\$137,500
LSTA Administration		\$120,300
Reference and Loan		\$710,400
Shared Integrated Library Systems for Schools		\$31,180
Statewide Visioning Summit		\$30,000
Virtual Reference		\$69,300
WISCAT		\$597,700
2008 LSTA Grant Award Total		\$2,992,000